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1. Between 19 March and 19 April 1954, the KVP Kaserne on Kepler Strasse in Gera quartered an estimated 2,000 troops most of whom wore dark-red epaulets. Intensive infantry training was conducted in the vicinity of Gera on several days. Firing practices were held at Tinz firing ranges and field training at Lusan athletic field and in the Roeppis area. The troops left for the training areas at platoon or company level. Columns of 6 to 10 trucks, fully occupied by KVP, were seen leaving the installation on several days. ¹
2. Between 1 and 12 April, the Kaserne on Kepler Strasse seemed to be occupied to capacity. Five to six groups, each of 200 men, daily left the installation for the terrain. ¹
3. At about 7:30 p.m. on 1 April, 2 T-34/85 tanks and 5 T-34/76 tanks of the KVP were entrained at Roederau railroad station. The tanks came from the direction of Zeithain training grounds. It appeared that still other tanks were entrained during the night of 1 April. ²
4. At 5:30 p.m. on 11 April, a KVP train carrying 9 x 37-mm AA guns, about 30 trucks and 2 steaming field kitchens and officers and EM on 9 boxcars passed through Rossau toward Dessau. ³

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1. Comment. The installation quarters the 3d Inf Regt of Division Erfurt. The strength estimate is exaggerated. The actual strength of the regiment is estimated at about 1,300 men.

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2. Comment. The tanks entrained belong to the tank SP regiment of Division Halle in Zeithain. They were probably shipped to Weisswasser troop training grounds. According to information on rail movements, a KVP shipment went from Roederau to Klitten which is located in the Weisswasser area.

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3. Comment. The direction of the shipment tends to indicate that the AAA unit was en route back to the area of Corps South from Zingst AAA firing range which, from mid-March to mid-April, was also used by AAA units of Corps South.

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